GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants–Transport Department–Allegations of corruption and irregularities against the Officials of office of the RTO, DTC Complex Office, Kadapa, YSR, Kadapa District - Surprise Check conducted by ACB Officials on 20.09.2019– Common disciplinary proceedings under rule 24 of APCS(CC&A)Rules 1991 initiated- Departmental Proceedings under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 initiated against Smt S.Santha Kumari, RTO, O/o RTO, DTC Complex, Kadapa.– Charges Framed – Written Statement of Defense Submitted -Further Action dropped- Orders- Issued.

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TRANSPORT, ROADS & BUILDINGS(VIG.TR.)DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No.187 Dated:21.07.2022

Read the following:

1. From the DG, ACB,AP, Vijayawada, Letter.No.C.NO.45/DES-TCD/2019, S-7, dt.08.10.2020.
2. From the DG, ACB, Letter.No.C.NO.45/DES-TCD/2019, dt.19.7.2021.
3. G.O.Rt.Nos.214, TR&B(Vig-TR) Dept, dt.30.7.2021.
4. G.O.Rt.No.216 TR&B(Vig-TR) Dept, dt.30.7.2021
5. From TC, AP , Vijayawada, Letter No.20024/22/V2/2019, Dated:17 -02.2022 along with the Written Statement of Defense Dated: 10.11.2021 of Smt S.Santha Kumari RTO, O/o DTC, Kadapa

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ORDER:

In the letter first read above, the Director General Anti Corruption Bureau AP, Vijayawada has submitted his Detailed Surprise Check Report stating that on credible information that the officials and staff working at the office of the Deputy Transport Commissioner Kadapa have been indulging in corrupt practices and collecting bribe from the people who are coming to the Deputy Transport Commissioner Office YSR District for transport/ non- transport registrations of their vehicles learner's licenses, driving licenses, fitness certificates etc., a surprise check was conducted by ACB Officials on the office of the Deputy Transport Commissioner, Kadapa on 20.09.2019.

2. After examination of the report of the Director General Anti Corruption Bureau AP, Vijayawada Government had initiated common disciplinary proceedings against Sri M.Veerraju DTC (I/C) Kadapa & RTO Proddatur and (16) others vide G.O.3rd read above. Further vide G.O 4th read above, Government have initiated Departmental Proceedings under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification Control and Appeal) Rules 1991 against Smt S. Santha Kumari, RTO ,O/o RTO, DTC Complex, Kadapa by framing Article of Charges as follows:

Charge-1:

That the Government Servant Smt Santha Kumari in abuse of her official position, while working as Regional Transport officer, in collusion with other state allowed 15 private transport agents within the premises of the office and an unaccounted amount of Rs 85,010/- was found in the possession of those 15 private transport agents.

Charge-2:

That the Government Servant Smt Santha Kumari in abuse of her official position, while working as Regional Transport officer, failed to give proper explanation for unaccounted cash of Rs 3,200/- seized from the Senior Assistant Sri I. Prabhakar Rao and Rs 2,100/- seized from the Data Base Administrator Sri Shaik Asif on the date of Surprise check.

(P.T.O)

Charge-3:
That the Government Servant Smt Santha Kumari in abuse of her official position, while working as Regional Transport officer being a supervisory officer failed to take all possible steps to ensure the integrity and devotion to duty of all the Government servants for the time being under her control and authority.

3. Smt S.Santha Kumari, RTO, O/o DTC , Kadapa submitted her Written Statement of Defense received through the reference 5th read above, wherein she while giving explanation to all the charges framed against her has stated that during that time she was attending the in Z.P.Office, Kadapa, as a part of launching of YSR Vahana Mitra scheme, and requested the Government to exonerate her of the charges and drop further action against her.

4. The Transport Commissioner, AP, Vijayawada vide letter 5th read above, while forwarding the WSD of Smt.S.Santha Kumari, RTO, O/o, DTC, Kadapa has stated that it is the fact that Smt S.Santha Kumari, RTO, Kadapa attended meeting in Z.P.Office, Kadapa pertaining to scheme going to be launched by the Transport department "Y.S.R. VAAHANA MITRA". She was involved in the implementation of YSR Vahana Mitra Scheme as on date of Surprise check by ACB on 20.09.2019 & efforts of the entire official mechanism was to get the applications filed by the eligible owner cum drivers of Autos/Maxicabs/Taxi cabs from 14.09.2019 to 25.09.2019 (last date for receipt of applications) by providing help desks to facilitate feeding of applications in online & giving guidance to file the applications & Coordinating with the Collector, Officials of Municipal Administration & Panchayat Raj departments. She did lot of hard work for implementation of the scheme successfully though she was fresher to the Transport Department. In view of the above details, the Transport Commissioner has requested the Government that the charges framed against Smt.S.Santha Kumari, RTO, O/o DTC, Kadapa may be dropped.

5. Government, after careful examination of the Written Statement of Defence of Smt. S.Santha Kumari, RTO, O/o DTC, Kadapa and the remarks of the Transport Commissioner, AP, Vijayawada, have decided to consider the Written Statement of Defence and to drop charges framed against Smt S. Santha Kumari, RTO, O/o RTO, DTC Complex, Kadapa.

6. Accordingly, Government hereby drop further action against Smt S. Santha Kumari, RTO, O/o RTO, DTC Complex, Kadapa, in the above ACB Surprise Check Case.

7. The Transport Commissioner, A.P. Vijayawada shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M.T. KRISHNA BABU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Smt S. Santha Kumari, RTO, O/o RTO, DTC Complex, Kadapa through the Transport Commissioner, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Transport Commissioner, A.P., Vijayawada.
Copy to:
The Director General, Anti – Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, APVC, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
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SECTION OFFICER